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March 29, I received the following letter:

MAINE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH,
Augusta, Me., March 21, 1900.

SIR: I regret to inform you that a case of confluent smallpox in a child among the steerage passengers on board the steamship *Vancouver*, from Liverpool, which lately arrived in Portland, Me., was not found by the quarantine officer until nearly all the passengers had left the city. The affected child and some members of the family are quarantined at Portland; others of the family have gone on with the rest of the passengers.

If any aimed at your State, will notify as soon as possible to get the list. Have not had time to fix the blame for the blunder.

Respectfully,

A. G. YOUNG,
Secretary.

F. J. SCHUG, *Commissioner of Health, Tacoma, Wash.*

March 30, I received the following letter:

MAINE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH,
Augusta, Me., March 22, 1900.

SIR: As supplementary of the facts given in my letter of yesterday, I would say that 1 case of smallpox aboard the steamship *Vancouver* was thought to be at the seventh or eighth day of eruption. The passengers left Portland Monday noon.

Respectfully,

A. G. YOUNG,
Secretary.

Also the following inclosure:

The following passengers have gone to Tacoma, Wash.: C. H. Pader, age, 25; Anna Marie Pader, age, 25; George Rain, age, 30; Bretis Rain, age, 25; Alex. Rain, age, 8 months; Ingward Ingwardson, age, 29. I would respectfully submit the above to show the lax quarantine regulations at Portland, Me. Would say that the above correspondence was had through me as commissioner of health, Tacoma, Wash.

Respectfully,

F. J. SCHUG,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Wisconsin.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., April 23, 1900.

SIR: In compliance with the agreement embodied in resolutions adopted by the conference of State and provincial boards of health respecting interstate notification of the occurrence of communicable diseases, you are hereby informed that in addition to the case of smallpox, last reported as existing at West Superior, Douglas County, this State, 2 other cases have occurred, making 3 cases in all; also 3 cases at Hudson, St. Croix County, 8 cases at Woodville, St. Croix County, 2 cases at Cady Township, St. Croix County, 1 case at Spring Lake Township, Pierce County, and 5 cases at Spring Valley, Pierce County.

The disease was first considered as chicken pox in most of the afore-said places, and there has been much exposure. The cases are now being carefully quarantined and vaccination and disinfection are being carried out in the usual manner.

Respectfully,

U. O. B. WINGATE,
Secretary.

REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

El Paso, Tex., April 21, 1900.—I have the honor to report for the week ended April 21, 1900, the following work at this station: Inspection Mexican Central Railroad passengers, 237; inspection Mexican Central Railroad immigrants, 20; inspection Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad passengers, 31; inspection of private passenger car, 10 persons;

inspection of documents pertaining (imported from Mexico) to corpse to be carried to New York State; disinfection of imported hides, 400; disinfection of baggage and household goods, 15; disinfection of soiled linen imported to be laundered at El Paso, Tex., 6; vaccination, 382.

E. ALEXANDER,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Laredo, Tex., April 19, 1900.—Yellow fever reported at Tehuantepec and Santa Cruz, State of Oaxaca, Mexico. Both above places are on the Pacific end of the Tehuantepec Railroad.

Smallpox reported at Vera Cruz, Mexico, and epidemic at Tampico, Mexico.

Laredo, Tex., April 22, 1900.—I have the honor to submit the following report for week ended April 21, 1900: Persons inspected and passed on Mexican National Railroad, 439; immigrants inspected and entered, 15; immigrants vaccinated upon entry, 4.

April 15: Refused entry to 2 persons four days out from Vera Cruz, Mexico.

April 17: Disinfected 4 trunks of clothes of persons who had been in Vera Cruz, including baggage of above-named persons.

H. J. HAMILTON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Reports of States and yearly and monthly reports of cities of the United States.

ALASKA—*Juneau.*—Year ended December 31, 1899. Estimated population, 2,000. Total number of deaths 8, including diphtheria, 3, and 2 from phthisis pulmonalis.

MASSACHUSETTS—*Worcester.*—Month of March, 1900. Estimated population, 113,273. Total number of deaths, 169, including diphtheria, 6; enteric fever, 1, and 18 from tuberculosis.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, for the week ended April 21, 1900, from 66 observers, indicate that remittent fever and intermittent fever increased, and enteric fever, inflammation of kidney, and diarrhea decreased in area of prevalence. Phthisis pulmonalis was reported present at 164, measles at 107, scarlet fever at 64, enteric fever at 26, whooping cough at 17, diphtheria at 16, smallpox at 6, and cerebro spinal meningitis at 4 places.

MINNESOTA—*Minneapolis.*—Month of March, 1900. Estimated population, 240,000. Total number of deaths, 208, including diphtheria, 5; enteric fever, 6; smallpox, 1, and 32 from tuberculosis.

Stillwater.—Month of March, 1900. Census population, 11,260. Total number of deaths, 11, including 1 from tuberculosis.

OHIO—*Columbus.*—Month of March, 1900. Estimated population, 140,000. Total number of deaths, 162, including diphtheria, 4; enteric fever, 12; measles, 1; whooping cough, 1, and 19 from tuberculosis.

PENNSYLVANIA—*Oil City.*—Month of March, 1900. Estimated population, 17,000. Total number of deaths, 20, including enteric fever, 2, and 3 from phthisis pulmonalis.

TEXAS—*Laredo.*—Month of March, 1900. Estimated population,